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DISPATCHES, of which the following are Copies, have been this Day received from His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland by His Grace the Duke of Portland, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Dublin Castle, June 10, 1798.

My Lord,

I Have the Satisfaction to acquaint your Grace, that Yesterday Evening a very large Body of the Wexford Rebels was driven back with great Loss, from their Attack upon Major-General Needham's Post at Arklow.

The inclosed Extract from the Major-General's Letter to Lieutenant-General Lake will furnish your Grace with the Details of this important Advantage.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c.

CAMDEN.

His Grace the Duke of Portland,

&c. &c. &c.

Arklow, June 10, 1798.

Half past Five, A. M.

SIR,

ABOUT Three o'Clock, P. M. Yesterday, the Rebel Army presented itself at my Out-Post in very great Numbers.

They approached from Coolgrexny Road, and along the Sand Hills on the Shore, in Two immense Columns, while the Whole of the intermediate Space embracing my entire Front was crouded by a Rabble, armed with Pikes and Fire-arms, and bearing down on me without any regular Order—The Position I had chosen was a very strong one in Front of the Barrack.—As soon as the Enemy approached within a short Distance, we opened a heavy Fire of Grape, which did as much Execution as from the Nature of the Ground and the strong Fences of which they possessed themselves, could have been expected. This continued incessantly from Six until Half past Eight o'Clock, when the Enemy desisted from their Attack, and fled in Disorder on every Side. The Numbers killed have not been

been aſcertained. Our Loſs is inconſiderable, and no Officer is wounded. A principal Leader is among the Slain.

Colonel Sir W. W. Wynne, with ſome of the 4th Dragoon Guards, and 5th Dragoons, and Part of his own Regiment, and the Yeomanry, charged the Rebels moſt gallantly, and routed a ſtrong Column of them attempting to gain the Town by the Beach. Colonel Maxwell offered his Services to burn ſome Houſes in his Front, near the End of the Action, and effected it moſt handſomely and without Loſs. Colonel Skerrott, of the Durham Fencibles, on whom the Brunt of the Action fell, acted in the moſt ſpirited and determined Manner, as did alſo Colonel O'Hara, who commanded the Antrim, and covered the Road on my Right. The Coolneſs and good Conduct of Colonel Cope, of the Armagh, does him infinite Credit, and it is with the moſt real Satisfaction I add, that the Zeal and ſpirited Conduct of the Yeomanry Corps, were every Thing I could wiſh.

To Lieutenant-Colonel Blackwood, of the late 33d, and Lieutenant-Colonel Cleghorn, of the Meath, who did me the Honor to ſerve with me upon this Occaſion, I am indebted for the moſt eſſential Services, and I am happy thus to acknowledge my Obligations to them both, and of the ſpirited Exertions of Mr. Whaly I cannot ſpeak too highly.

I muſt, in Juſtice to my Aide-de-Camp, Captain Moore, of the 4th Dragoon Guards, and Major of Brigade Captain Needham, of 9th Dragoons, mention their great Alertneſs. To the Activity and Information of the former I am much indebted, and he will detail to you all other Particulars.

(Signed)
FRANCIS NEEDHAM.

Lieutenant-General Lake,
&c. &c. &c.

Dublin Caſtle, June 10, 1798.

My Lord,

I Have the Honor to acquaint your Grace, that a Letter has been this Day received by Lieutenant-General Lake, from Major-General Nugent, at Belfaſt, dated the 9th Inſtant, ſtating, that the Rebels in the County of Antrim were diſperſed in all Directions, except at Toome, whither Brigadier-General Knox and Lieutenant-Colonel Clavering were proceeding; and that many of them had laid down their Arms.

Major-General Nugent alſo ſtates, that Mr. M'Cleverty had returned from Donegorr Hill, whither he had been carried Priſoner by a Body of 2000 Rebels — Whilſt they were in this Station they diſagreed, and quarrelled amongſt themſelves, and, from his Influence and Perſuaſion, above 1500 left the Camp, broke and deſtroyed their Arms, and declared that they would never again carry an offenſive Weapon againſt His Majeſty or his loyal Subjects. Many more diſperſed, and the Commander of them was left with Fifty Men only.

I have the Honor to be, &c.
CAMDEN.

His Grace the Duke of Portland,
&c. &c. &c.

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